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1. The Elektrochemisches Kombinat Bitterfeld, formerly SAG Kaustik and now handed back by the Russians to the DDR government as a VEB, has been producing aluminum at a rate of 15,000 tons per annum since late December 1951.
2. This production is being achieved in the old aluminum works which had been dismantled and have been recently reactivated. The works have a yearly capacity of 20,000 tons.
3. The main bottleneck in the production of aluminum is the current shortage of argillaceous earth (Tonerde) which, before the war, was supplied by the Mannheim firm Giolini.<sup>1</sup>
4. Research is in progress, under the direction of Dr. Schulze, head of the Bitterfeld inorganic laboratory, to produce the required argillaceous earth from raw clay.<sup>2</sup> Such a process would have the advantage of using the superfluous chlorine produced in Bitterfeld. The process itself is, however, extremely expensive and so far no satisfactory solution has been found to the technical problems involved. Bitterfeld is to receive, in June 1952, a government grant of DM 1,000,000 (Ost) for the financing of further experiments, towards this end.
5. On 18 May 1952, there were practically no Russians left in Bitterfeld subsequent to the dissolution of its status as a SAG. The Russian director himself, Fedorov, was still there but was due to depart before the beginning of June.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: The ABC der Deutschen Wirtschaft, 1949 lists the Gebrueder  
Giulini GmbH at Alfonsstrasse 2, Ludwigshafen/Rhein, as producers of Tonerde.

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